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Kitchens



Surface attraction

Surface Styling is an online specification platform designed with the requirements of buyers and architects in mind. Its tile format and readily navigable display is intended to provide a user-friendly interface when searching for materials, with a fast, efficient sample ordering system. The Surface Styling concept was created by International Decorative Surfaces, and was officially launched last autumn. It claims to offer the UK's largest range of decorative surface materials, with a product portfolio spanning work surfaces, laminates, decorative panel products, solid surfacing and flooring and wall panelling.

A recent introduction, seen below, is Fenix NTM (NanoTech Matt), a supermatt acrylic surfacing material in a range of 15 colours, which harnesses nanotechnology to enable micro-scratches from wear and tear to be thermally healed. With low light reflectivity, soft touch, anti-fingerprint and anti-bacterial properties, the hard-wearing material is suitable for a wide range of vertical and horizontal applications.

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Updated range

Described as stylish and affordable, the Residence kitchen from Gamadecor, part of the Porcelanosa Group, benefits from regular range improvements. Recent advances include new finishes, laser edging, a wide variety of drawer and cabinet organisers and new handles. The kitchens come with 16 mm carcasses, 19 mm laminate doors and 20 mm gloss laminate doors, as well as different height options for base, wall and tower units. The doors are in a streamlined, contemporary style available with optional integrated handles.

The array of door fronts comprises plain or wood laminate in a vertical grain and gloss finishes, including a number of bold and muted colours and the Blanco Artico shown here. A key feature is the bespoke element: units can be reduced by depth and width in the factory to custom-fit a space, for ease of installation. For example, if a kitchen has a 200 mm gap, a standard 300 mm base unit and door can be resized for a small surcharge (option not available on doors with integrated handles).

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Curved concept

Italian brand Rastelli aims to bring together top designers and high-quality products to create modern luxury kitchens, and the latest introduction is the Karan kitchen, by designer Karim Rashid. The concept revolves around an open pedestal island with a tapered curve, inviting family and guests to gather around. The tap and an LED light retract into the counter creating a flush surface, whilst the addition of a multi-purpose chopping board that fits over the sink turns the island into a solid dining space.

The soft curves continue on the wall unit, and a rounded cut-out creates a cooking and preparation area. Channel-opening cabinets hide the refrigerator, oven and pantry storage, and the inset backlit mirror is edged by ambient lighting LEDs. The use of glass in a matt or glossy finish for the doors, as well as the ceramic option, together with a comprehensive colour range, allow the creation of a sleek, minimalist design which offers a mood of soft relaxation or one that is enhanced by warm and tactile textures, as desired.

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